

# MANAGEMENT MEMO

SUBJECT:	NUMBER:
VEHICLE PURCHASE POLICY	DATE ISSUED:
REFERENCES:	EXPIRES: UNTIL RENEWED
	ISSUING AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

The Department of General Services is re-issuing this vehicle purchase policy as part of the state's efforts to meet ambient air quality standards while reducing petroleum use and the impact to the environment. The policy shall apply to all state vehicle purchases effective with the 2003 model-year.

## ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES

As required by the Federal Energy Policy Act (EPACT) of 1992, 75 percent of the state's light-duty vehicle (below 8,500 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)) purchases must be Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFVs). To comply with EPACT, a variety of light-duty AFVs are available and may include electric, both dedicated and bi-fuel compressed natural gas (CNG), and propane (LPG) vehicles. A listing of all AFVs on the state's vehicle master contract can be viewed at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/contracts/vehicles.htm>.

State agencies/departments must purchase AFVs that can be operated on alternative fuels currently available in California.

## GASOLINE-POWERED VEHICLES

All gasoline-powered light-duty vehicles (below 8,500 pounds GVW) purchased by state agencies/departments must be certified to the California Air Resources Board's ultra-low emission vehicle standards. To view a listing of all vehicles meeting this requirement, please refer to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ccbg/2003pc.htm>.

## EXEMPTIONS

This policy does not apply to authorized emergency or law enforcement vehicles that are equipped with emergency lighting per California Vehicle Code Section 25252.

The Office of Fleet Administration will review any exception or exemption request to this policy and assist agencies/departments with vehicle purchases and policy implementation.

I appreciate your efforts in helping California meet its environmental and energy security goals. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Slama, Staff Services Specialist Manager, Office of Fleet Administration, at (916) 327-2567.



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